

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4189 - SB 4121

February 14, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to redact the name or initials of any minor that appears in any appellate court decision, except for juveniles involved in criminal cases, prior to publication of the opinion on the Internet.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$12,400

Assumption:

- According to the AOC, during FY06/07 there were 1,819 appellate court opinions posted on the Internet. This estimate assumes an average of 15 minutes per opinion to review and determine whether a minor was involved, and if so, to redact the names or initials. Assuming approximately the same number of appellate opinions will be posted on the Internet each year it would take an average of 455 hours per year to complete this additional requirement. This task would require one part-time position at a cost of \$12,400 in salary and FICA taxes. No benefits are provided for part-time positions.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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